

prosecute the species "(a)" from the extension peptides listed in claim 21 (iii) for the second half of the homodimer. It is believed that claims 21, 27, 30, 31, 35, 36, 39 and 40 currently read on the elected species.

Additionally, the response submitted on August 23, 2007 is incorporated as part of the response to the pending office action.

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This response is being filed with a petition for a three-month extension of time and the required fee via credit card authorization. No further fees are believed to be required. If, on the other hand, it is determined that further fees are necessary or any overpayment has been made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit or credit such sum to Deposit Account No. 02-2275.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3), please treat this and any concurrent or future reply in this application that requires a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. The fee associated therewith is to be charged to the above-mentioned deposit account.

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions, it is requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned at the telephone number shown below.

Respectfully submitted,

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